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Title: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING SPECIES OF SHIGELLA AND E.COLI
USING OPERON SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below and consider the
remarks which follow:IN THE CLAIMS:*Please amend claims 20-26, 37, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 45 as follows:*20. (Twice amended) The method of claim 19, wherein an oligonucleotide
comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 is used to discriminate between or among Shigella and Escherichia.21. (Twice amended) The method of claim 19, wherein an oligonucleotide
comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 is used to discriminate between or among Shigella and Escherichia.